

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M.L. Dopps et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE116173
 Application No.: 09/666,213 Group Art Unit: 3761
 Filed: September 21, 2000 Examiner: J.F. Stephens
 Title: ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING FIBROUS BANDS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

February 12, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows. An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.
- X 2. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated August 12, 2003, set to expire on November 12, 2003, be extended by 3 months, to expire on February 12, 2004. An extension for one (1) month was secured on December 12, 2003, and the fee paid therefor of \$110.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The enclosed check includes the balance of the 3-month extension fee in the amount of \$840.00.
- X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	770
Total Claims	42	- 73	= 0	x 18	= 0
Independent Claims	6	- 11	= 0	x 86	= 0
Extension of Time			+		840

TOTAL

\$1610

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- X 4. Check No. 153769 in the amount of \$1610.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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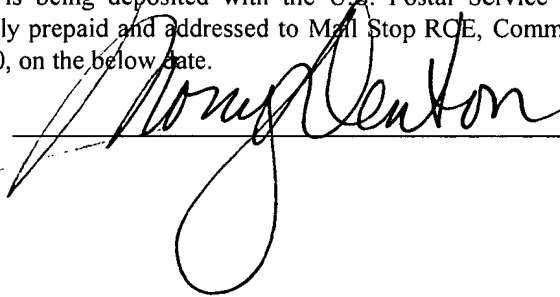


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